

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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OPTICS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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Examiner : Luis F. GARCIA

Docket No. : 1232-5123  
Customer No. : 27123

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2007 identifies the following  
patentably distinct of inventions among the pending claims:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>
I.	Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are drawn to light beams that overlap in the shorter diameter direction, classified in class 398, subclass 130.
II.	Claims 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 18 and 19 drawn to first and second light emitting units, classified in class 398, subclass 131.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, this paper provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of Group I. At least claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are believed to be encompassed by that election.

Should the Restriction Requirement be made final, the right is expressly reserved to present any withdrawn claims in divisional application(s). In the event that a telephone

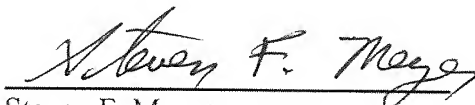
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conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5123.

Respectfully submitted,  
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